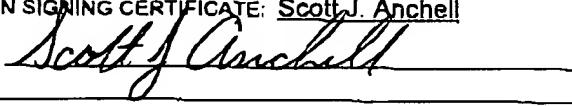


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office Action dated 11 October 2001 (Paper no. 8), the period for reply to which has been extended one-month to 11 February 2002, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application.

The objection to the drawings, as set forth in section 2 of the Office Action, is respectfully traversed. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the drawings clearly indicate the correct elements with the reference numbers 10 and 20. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, a proposed drawing change is appended. In the proposed drawing change, Figure 1 would be amended to indicate that reference number 10 indicates to the "projections," examples of which are "first projections 12" and "second projections 14," and that reference number 20 correctly indicates the "component." Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested, as is the withdrawal of this objection.